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SBA LIFTS \$500,000 LOAN CAP, BOOSTS FY 2003 LOAN VOLUME TO \$9.4 BILLION- Administrator Hector V. Barreto of the SBA lifted a 5-month cap on SBA-backed loans and invited participating lenders to resume submitting applications for guaranteed loans up to the \$2 million statutory limit. The decision was made possible by President Bush's signing of recently adopted legislation that allows the agency to implement its revised econometric subsidy model, which more accurately forecasts the actual costs of the 7(a) loan program. The model will be applied retroactively to the beginning of the current fiscal year. The econometric model, in combination with appropriation levels provided in the FY 2003 budget, will allow the agency to approve more than \$9.4 billon 7(a) loans during the current year, plus \$1.8 billon in STAR loans that have already been made. "We are happy to be able to help small businesses looking for access to capital, and we are proud to do our part helping them to create new jobs for Americans," said Administrator Barreto. "The \$500,000 cap on our maximum loan size was a management tool we had to adopt to address the funding limitations placed on the agency in October while maintaining continued service to the maximum number of small businesses." We pledged a year ago to solve this problem in time for FY 2004, and we've done it," Barreto continued. "The model we've created ahead of schedule employs the best practices of the business world and the federal government. By passing this legislation, Congress has affirmed our work, and allowed us to apply this model to the current fiscal year, which will greatly increase our capacity to provide financing for credit-hungry small businesses." The decision to lift the loan cap is effective immediately.



2003
Small Business
Week
& Lenders'
Awards

A Luncheon is scheduled to take place May 8, 2003 at the University of North Florida, University Center in Jacksonville, FL. More details to come soon, so be sure to mark your calendars NOW! Thank you! For more information, please contact Lola Kress at lola.kress@sba.gov. or (904) 443-1933.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FREE LENDER TRAINING

The North Florida District office will hold the following FREE Lender Training:

#### **Jacksonille**

Loan Processing
March 25th (FULL)
May 13th

Closing, Liquidation, CapLines
March 26th (FULL)
May 14th

Orlando (Tentative)

Loan Processing
June 17th

Closing, Liquidation, CapLines

June 18th

Gainesville (Tentative)

Loan Processing
July 15th

Closing, Liquidation, CapLines
July 16th

Fort Walton Beach (Tentative)

Loan Processing
August 12th

Closing, Liquidation, CapLines
August 13th

# Loan Reports For North Florida as of February 28, 2003

#### Top 13 7(a) Lenders by Number of Loans Made for FY 2003 As of February 28, 2003

Lender	No. of Loans	Dollars
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	155	\$5,787,900
LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK	29	\$5,231,000
CIT SMALL BUSINESS LENDING CORPORATION	26	\$11,282,100
BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA	23	\$6,110,600
FIRST COAST COMMUNITY BANK	18	\$4,454,500
CAPITAL ONE, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK	16	\$745,000
COMERICA BANK	8	\$3,425,300
CENTERBANK OF JACKSONVILLE, N.A.	8	\$1,390,000
INNOVATIVE BANK	6	\$35,000
WACHOVIA SBA LENDING, INC.	5	\$4,030,700
TEMECULA VALLEY BANK	5	\$2,130,500
FIRST COMMERCIAL BANK OF FLORIDA	5	\$590,000
BUSINESS LOAN CENTER, LLC	5	\$3,582,000

### 504 Lenders by Number of Loans Made for FY 2003 As of February 28, 2003

Lender No	. of Loans	Dollars*
FLORIDA FIRST CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION, INC.	13	\$12,290,769
FLORIDA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	8	\$16,557,100
JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.	7	\$10,837,787
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP. OF NE FLORIDA, INC.	4	\$2,439,000
NORTH CENTRAL FL AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT CO, INC.	2	\$910,600
ALABAMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	1	\$287,585
COASTAL AREA DISTRICT AUTHORITY, INC.	1	\$1,682,500
TOTAL	36	\$45,005,341

(\* Dollar amount Includes 504 and first mortgage amounts.)



The North Florida District Office will conduct monthly "OPEN HOUSE" sessions for lenders from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on the third Thursday of every month beginning on February 20, 2003. These sessions will provide one-on-one counseling with loan officers to address issues and/or problem areas. Come on by!!! For more information, please contact Veronica Wallace at veronica.wallace@sba.gov.

## North Florida District Office Loan Activity by County for FY 2003

As of February 28, 2003

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT OFFICE Activity by County for FY 2003 As of February 28, 2003

County	No. of Loans	Dollars
ALACHUA	14	\$2,597,900
BAKER	1	\$172,000
BAY	4	\$1,833,100
BRADFORD	2	\$402,000
CITRUS	4	\$385,000
CLAY	16	\$2,761,000
COLUMBIA	4	\$199,500
DUVAL	<b>69</b>	\$12,920,200
ESCAMBIA	18	\$3,690,500
FRANKLIN	2	\$535,000
GADSDEN	1	\$179,200
HERNANDO	8	\$1,649,400
JACKSON	4	\$ 411,115
LAKE	10	\$1,298,000
LEON	17	\$1,223,400
MARION	8	\$1,277,000
NASSAU	10	\$2,635,000
OKALOOSA	15	\$1,709,600
ORANGE	111	\$24,144,600
OSCEOLA	1	\$100,000
PUTNAM	3	\$296,800
SANTA ROSA	6	\$1,904,700
SEMINOLE	43	\$7,728,000
ST. JOHNS	14	\$ 2,853,400
SUWANNEE	2	\$85,650
VOLUSIA	27	\$9,333,700
WAKULLA	1	\$135,000
WALTON	1	\$125,000
TOTAL	416	\$82,585,765